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MY 2007 sugar production will likely recover from earlier setbacks in anticipation of bumper sugarcane crops due to acreage expansion and yield recovery. Sugar exports are forecast to rebound due to more exportable supplies. However, the domestic sugar shortage is expected to persist unless world sugar prices ease, or the Thai sugar market is liberalized.

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Executive Summary

MY 2007 sugar production is forecast to recover in anticipation of bumper sugarcane crops, resulting from acreage expansion and yield improvement assuming normal weather conditions. Most sugarcane is still used for sugar production as cane/molasses-based ethanol plants are still working out trial runs of sugarcane-based ethanol production. In MY 2008 when ethanol production capacity will reach around 4-5 million liters/day, sugarcane is expected to be used for ethanol production, given continued bumper sugarcane crops. As a result, prices of sugarcane will likely remain at high levels in anticipation of increased domestic and export demand for sugar and molasses. Thai sugar exports will likely rebound in MY 2007 following more exportable supplies from the anticipated bumper sugarcane crops. However, despite ample domestic sugar supplies for domestic consumption, and the recent government approval of an increase in the controlled domestic sugar prices and other policy adjustments, the current domestic sugar shortage problem will persist as long as the controlled domestic prices stay lower than world sugar prices.

1. Sugarcane

PSD Table

Country Thailand

Commodity Sugar Cane for Centrifugal (1000 HA)(1000 MT)

	2005		2006		2007	
	Revised		Estimate		Forecast	
	USDA Official [Old]	Post Estimate[New]	USDA Official [Old]	Post Estimate[New]	USDA Official [Old]	Post Estimate[New]
Market Year Begin	12/2004		12/2005		12/2006	
Area Planted	1050	1050	1000	1000	0	1070
Area Harvested	990	990	950	950	0	1030
Production	47820	47820	40000	46700	0	57000
TOTAL SUPPLY	47820	47820	40000	46700	0	57000
Utilization for Sugar	47820	47820	40000	46700	0	57000
Utilizatr for Alcohol	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL UTILIZATION	47820	47820	40000	46700	0	57000

1.1 Production

MY 2007 sugarcane production is forecast to surge to 57 million tons, up significantly from the drought-damaged crops of the past three years. The anticipated bumper crop reflects the acreage expansion due to attractive farm prices, currently at around 1,100 – 1,200 baht/ton (roughly U.S.\$ 28-30/MT), far above the government support prices. Also, average yields are expected to recover to around 8.5 ton/rai (53 tons/hectare), as compared to the 7-8 ton/rai yield (44-50 tons/hectare) over the past three years, assuming normal weather conditions. In the best case scenario, average yield will likely reach 9 tons/rai (56 tons/hectare), with a corresponding sugarcane production between 60-70 million tons.

MY 2006 sugarcane production is revised upward in response to the better-than expected weather conditions in the central plain. Sugarcane production in the central plain, accounting for about 36 percent of total production, will likely increase by 10 percent to around 16-17 million tons. However, total production is expected to decline for the third consecutive year due to drier weather conditions in the major growing areas in the northeast, which accounted for about 40 percent of total planted area. Sugarcane production in the northeast will likely decline by 16 percent to around 15-16 million tons. The average extraction rate of cane for sugar in MY 2006 is expected at around 102-103 kgs/ton of cane, down significantly from the previous year's level of 108.5 kgs/ton of cane, in response to too much rain before the harvest.

1.2 Consumption

All sugarcane is used for sugar production. The use of sugarcane for ethanol production will likely remain limited due to tight supplies of sugarcane and the more attractive sugar prices. One sugar mill in the northeast is currently in the process of test running sugarcane-based ethanol production for MY 2006, with a production capacity of around 150,000 liters/day. However, ethanol production will be mainly produced from molasses during MY 2006 – MY 2007. By the end of CY 2006, total ethanol production capacity will likely reach 1 million liter/day, and is expected to increase to 3-4 million liters/day by the end of CY 2007. Around

5 million tons of cane will likely be used for ethanol production in MY 2008 assuming a strong recovery in cane production and lower global sugar prices.

At present, Thai sugar mills are running at approximately 50-60 percent of capacity due to drought-reduced sugarcane production. Capacity utilization will likely recover to the normal average of around 60-70 percent in MY 2007 in anticipation of bumper sugarcane crops. Also, the average extraction rate of cane for sugar is expected to recover from the previous year, assuming normal weather conditions.

1.3 Policy

The Government set MY 2006 minimum prices for sugarcane at a record 800 baht/ton (roughly U.S.\$ 21/MT, ex-factory prices), up significantly from the previous year, mainly due to the surge in world sugar prices. Also, the Government repealed the cabinet approval (dated July 22, 2003) of the five-year plan (MY 2004 - MY 2008) to limit sugarcane production at 65 million tons (TH4043) because it is inconsistent with the government plan to promote the use of sugarcane and molasses for ethanol production. Domestic sugar production coincidentally dropped since MY 2004 due to lasting drought over the past three years. The contraction created uncertainty for ethanol producers who have approval to produce cane/molasses-based ethanol up to a total production capacity of around 1.2 million liters/day by the end of CY 2007 (beginning of MY 2008). According to government policy on ethanol production, there will be 24 ethanol plants with total production capacity of around 4.7 million liters/day by the end of CY 2009 (beginning of MY 2010). Four of these plants now supply molasses-based ethanol (capacity of around 400,000 liters/day) to domestic oil refineries for gasohol production, a mixture of 10 percent ethanol and 90 percent regular petrol. Ethanol is used to replace imported Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether (MTBE) in gasoline. By the end of CY 2006 (beginning of MY 2007) when all MTBE is to be replaced by ethanol,

Table: Registered Ethanol Manufacturers in Thailand, as of January 10, 2006

Industry	Location	Rawmaterial	Capacity (liter/day)								
			2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
1 Ponwilai	Ayudhaya	Molasses	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
2 Thai Alcohol	Nakomprathom	Molasses		100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
3 Thai Agro	Supanburi	Molasses			150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000
4 Thai Nguan Ethanol	Khonkean	Tapioca				130,000	130,000	130,000	130,000	130,000	130,000
5 ITA	Rayong	Tapioca				150,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000
6 Khonkean Alcohol	Khonkean	Cane/Molasses				100,000 (Jan.) 150,000 (Dec.)					
7 Raem-udom Ethanol	Nhongbualampoo	Cane/Molasses					200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000
8 Thai Sugar Ethanol	Kanchanaburi	Cane/Molasses					100,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000
9 Petro Green	Supanburi	Cane/Molasses					200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000
10 Petro Green	Chaiyapoom	Cane/Molasses				200,000 (Dec.)	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000
11 Thai Ruangruong Energy	Saraburi	Cane/Molasses					120,000	120,000	120,000	200,000	200,000
12 Thai Ruangruong Energy	Petchaboon	Cane/Molasses						120,000	120,000	120,000	200,000
13 E.S. Power	Srakaew	Tapioca/Molasses					150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000
14 N.Y. Ethanol	Nakomratchasima	Tapioca/Molasses					150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000
15 Ratchaburi Ethanol	Ratchaburi	Tapioca/Molasses					150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000
16 K.I. Ethanol	Nakomratchasima	Cane/Molasses					100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
17 Ang-wieng Industry	Nakomratchasima	Cane/Molasses					160,000	160,000	160,000	160,000	160,000
18 Thai Sugar Ethanol	Kampangpet	Tapioca/Cane							200,000	200,000	200,000
19 Somdej	Udonthani	Tapioca					200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000
20 Pha-kwantip	Prajinburi	Tapioca				60,000 (Dec.)	120,000	120,000	120,000	120,000	120,000
21 Siam Ethanol	Chaiyapoom	Tapioca					100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
22 Picnic Ethanol	Chachengsaw	Tapioca					250,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000
23 Boonaneek	Nakomratchasima	Tapioca					600,000	600,000	600,000	600,000	600,000
24 Burirum Ethanol	Burirum	Tapioca/Molasses					100,000 (Jun.) 200,000 (Dec.)				
Total Capacity	Beginning of the Year					855,000	3,955,000				
	End of the Year		25,000	125,000	275,000	965,000	4,055,000	4,525,000	4,725,000	4,805,000	4,885,000

Source: Ministry of Energy

the demand for ethanol will reach 1 million liters/day and is forecast to increase to around 4 million liters/day by the end of CY 2007 (beginning of MY 2008). Half of domestic ethanol supplies will likely be produced from cane/molasses, and the balance is expected to be tapioca-based ethanol. At present, ethanol consumption has increased significantly but domestic ethanol production can supply only around 30 percent of total consumption. The Government allows ethanol imports in order to fulfill this shortfall. In order to encourage local ethanol production, domestic prices of ethanol are set to reach higher to 23 baht/liter (roughly U.S.\$ 58 cents/liter), as compared to 12.75 baht/liter (roughly U.S.\$ 33 cents/liter) for the previous year.

2. Sugar

PSD Table

Country Thailand

Commodity Sugar, Centrifugal

(1000 MT)

	2005		2006		2007	
	Revised		Estimate		Forecast	
	USDA Official [Old]	Post Estimate[New]	USDA Official [Old]	Post Estimate[New]	USDA Official [Old]	Post Estimate[New]
Market Year Begin	12/2004		12/2005		12/2006	
Beginning Stocks	1215	1215	732	1217	262	977
Beet Sugar Production	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cane Sugar Production	5187	5187	4330	4810	0	6200
TOTAL Sugar Production	5187	5187	4330	4810	0	6200
Raw Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0
Refined Imp.(Raw Val)	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL SUPPLY	6402	6402	5062	6027	262	7177
Raw Exports	1630	1647	1200	1300	0	1800
Refined Exp.(Raw Val)	1990	1468	1500	1600	0	2100
TOTAL EXPORTS	3620	3115	2700	2900	0	3900
Human Dom. Consumption	2050	2070	2100	2150	0	2250
Other Disappearance	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Disappearance	2050	2070	2100	2150	0	2250
Ending Stocks	732	1217	262	977	0	1027
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	6402	6402	5062	6027	0	7177

2.1 Production

MY 2007 sugar production is forecast to recover from its contraction over the past three years in anticipation of bumper sugarcane crops and a recovery of the average extraction rate of cane for sugar to around 108 kgs./ton of cane, as compared to a low extraction rate of around 102 - 103 kgs./ton of cane for MY 2006. Also, supplies of molasses, a by-product of sugar production, are expected to regain their normal average level of around 2.5 - 3.0 million tons. However, domestic price of molasses will likely remain high due to increasing demand from cane/molasses-based ethanol manufacturers. All of them are also sugar millers who are expected to utilize most sugarcane for sugar production due to current high sugar prices.

Table: Thailand's Sugar and Molasses Yield and Prices

	MY 2004	MY 2005	MY 2006 (Estimate)	MY 2007 (Forecast)
Yield per metric ton of cane				
Sugar (kg.)	108.71	108.49	102.92	108.00
Molasses (kg.)	45.51	47.29	45.1	48.0
Farm price (ex-factory): Baht/ton	465	620	800	800
Wholesale prices				
Sugar (Baht/100 kg.)	1,177	1,177	1,498	1,498
Molasses (Baht/ton)	1,000	1,800	4,000	3,800

MY 2006 sugar production is revised upward due to the better-than-expected sugarcane crops in the central plain. However, sugar production is expected to shrink for the third consecutive year due to a low extraction rate of cane for sugar. Also, the average Cane Commercial Sugar (CCS) will likely decline to 11.6 percent, compared to 12.2 percent in the previous year, in response to unfavorable weather conditions. In addition, cost of sugar production is expected to increase significantly because the market prices of sugarcane reportedly surged to around 1,100 - 1,200 baht/ton (roughly U.S.\$ 28-30/MT) due to drought, compared to the government minimum prices of 800 baht/ton (roughly U.S.\$ 20/MT). Molasses production is also expected to decline to 2.1 million tons, far below the normal average production, leading to a surge in molasses prices to around 4,000 bath/ton (roughly U.S.\$ 100/MT) due to strong demand from cane/molasses-based ethanol plants.

2.2 Consumption

MY 2006 and MY 2007 sugar consumption are forecast to continue the upward trend both in household and industrial use in line with the economic expansion. Also, the Government is expected to increase the allocation of domestic sugar production for domestic consumption to around 2.2 million tons (around 42,000 tons/week) in MY 2006, compared to around 2 million tons (around 38,000 tons/week) in the previous year, in order to relieve the current sugar shortages (see report TH 6011). In addition, the Government approved an increase in wholesale prices and retail prices for sugar by 3 baht/kg (roughly U.S.\$ 4 cent/lb). The current domestic prices for sugar are 14.98 baht/kg. (roughly U.S.\$ 17 cents/lb) wholesale, and 16.50 baht/kg. (roughly U.S.\$ 19 cents/lb) retail. However, local consumers are still adversely affected by sugar shortages because these new controlled prices are still unattractive, as compared to current export prices. Also, the Government failed to regulate sugar millers to prioritize sugar sales domestically to meet weekly demand of 30,000 – 40,000 tons, following the Thai Cane and Sugar Act (Article 46). Sugar millers reportedly supplied only around 50-60 percent of the regulated weekly sales and secured sugar stocks for relatively more attractive return from export markets. Moreover, the sugar market prices are currently 3-5 baht/kg. (roughly U.S.\$ 4-6 cents/lb) higher than the new controlled prices.

2.3 Trade

Export Trade Matrix

Country Thailand
Commodity Sugar, Centrifugal

Time Period	Jan. - Dec.	Units:	MTRV
Exports for:	2004		2005
U.S.	14615	U.S.	14615
Others		Others	
Indonesia	1327521	Indonesia	1174650
Japan	754013	Japan	602690
China	286468	China	180809
Malaysia	577117	Malaysia	143548
South Korea	228157	South Korea	168676
Cambodia	195914	Cambodia	229749
Taiwan	418774	Taiwan	136313
Russia	76942	Russia	47044
Singapore	117294	Singapore	41111
Bangladesh	304502	Bangladesh	69057
Total for	4286702		2793647
Others			
Others not Listed	533481		281395
Grand Total	4834798		3089657

MY 2007 sugar exports are forecast to rebound in anticipation of more exportable supplies following bumper sugarcane crops. Sugar export prices will likely ease but remain high as the exportable supplies are expected to be far below the increasing foreign demand. Current export prices of raw sugar surged to U.S. \$ 17 cents/lb (roughly U.S.\$ 375/MT). MY 2006 sugar exports are revised upward due to more exportable supplies from the better-than-expected sugarcane crops. However, total sugar exports this year will likely drop for the third consecutive year due to drought-damaged sugarcane crops. Nevertheless, Thailand is expected to fulfill the U.S. tariff-rate quota, which increased to 25,154 metric tons (raw value), compared to normal TRQ of 14,743 metric tons (raw value) in order to maintain its historical performance despite less attractive prices, compared to current high world market prices. The increase in the U.S. TRQ reflected tight U.S. sugar supplies resulting from Hurricane Katrina damaged cane crops in CY 2005.

In CY 2005, Thai sugar exports continued to decline for the second consecutive year due to limited exportable supplies resulting from dry weather conditions. The tight supply situation caused a sharp increase in export prices of raw sugar and refined sugar, leading to a significant drop in Thai exports even including their regular markets in Asian countries.

Sugar imports in MY 2006 and MY 2007 will likely be insignificant due to sufficient available domestic supplies. The government import policy on sugar follows the WTO agreement, which is limited to a 65 percent tariff rate (roughly U.S.\$ 15.95 cents/kg.) under the quota of 13,760 tons. Meanwhile, the out-of-quota tariff is 94 percent (roughly U.S.\$ 23.06 cents/kg.).

2.4 Stock

Despite anticipated recovery of sugarcane crops, the MY 2007 sugar stock will likely be steady at low levels following strong export demand. The sugar stock is forecast to remain at low levels even with continued bumper crops in MY 2008 because some sugarcane will likely be used for ethanol production.

2.5 Policy

The Government has approved an increase in domestic sugar prices by 3 baht/kg (roughly U.S.\$ 4 cents/lb) on March 7, 2006 in order to bridge the gap between controlled domestic prices and export prices that caused the sugar shortages since last quarter of CY 2005. Current domestic prices for sugar are at 14.98 baht/kg. (roughly U.S.\$ 19 cents/lb) wholesales, 16.50 baht/kg. (roughly U.S.\$ 19 cents/lb) retail for white sugar, and 17.50 baht/kg. (roughly U.S.\$ 20 cents/lb) for refined sugar. However, Thailand still faces domestic sugar shortages, as the new controlled domestic prices are still lower than the world market prices by around 2-3 baht/kg. (roughly U.S.\$ 3 cents/lb). As a result, white sugar is still aggressively smuggled into neighboring countries. Normally, legal border trade accounts for only about 10 percent of total sugar exports under license. Domestic sugar shortages will likely persist as long as world market prices of sugar remain higher than the controlled domestic prices. At the moment, the Government's approval of an increase in the controlled domestic prices is at least a success story for cane growers and sugar millers, who want to bail out the huge debt burden of the Cane and Sugar Fund to the Bank for Agriculture and Agricultural Cooperative (BAAC) of around 20 billion baht (roughly U.S.\$ 475 million). This debt accrued from the price support program during the past six years when market prices were lower than the minimum sugarcane prices, at the expense of Thai consumers.

3. Supplementary Tables

Table 1: Thailand's Planted Area of Sugarcane by Region

Unit: Hectare

Region	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1999/2000	2000/01	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05
Northeast	326,203	328,832	330,930	351,641	319,119	400,217	468,707	424,004	393,684
North	239,239	222,212	211,523	206,863	189,010	219,415	235,030	291,499	291,006
Central	444,743	392,536	375,078	379,347	368,894	391,537	435,596	405,910	382,159
South	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Country Total	1,010,184	943,580	917,532	937,852	877,023	1,011,169	1,139,289	1,121,413	1,066,849

Source: Office of Agricultural Economics, Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives

Table 2: Thailand's Sugarcane Production by Region

Unit: Metric Ton

Region	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1999/2000	2000/01	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05
Northeast	17,782,489	15,353,041	18,859,249	19,439,101	18,153,103	24,020,428	30,997,608	24,253,844	18,372,546
North	13,372,021	10,258,143	11,391,153	11,946,037	10,391,682	12,863,333	14,992,069	16,943,707	13,804,942
Central	25,239,428	17,854,351	20,081,165	21,427,704	21,018,101	23,129,216	28,268,844	23,776,254	17,394,386
South	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Country Total	56,393,938	43,465,535	50,331,567	52,812,842	49,562,886	60,012,977	74,258,521	64,973,805	49,571,874

Source: Office of Agricultural Economics, Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives

Table 3: Thailand's Sugarcane Yield by Region

Unit: Kilogram/Hectare

Region/Province	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1999/2000	2000/01	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05
Northeast	54,514	46,690	56,989	61,583	56,885	60,018	66,134	57,202	46,668
North	55,894	46,164	53,853	58,706	54,980	58,625	63,788	58,126	47,439
Central	56,751	45,485	53,539	57,411	57,133	59,073	64,897	58,575	45,516
South	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Country Total	55,825	46,065	54,855	59,232	56,572	59,350	65,180	57,939	46,466

Source: Office of Agricultural Economics, Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives

Table 4: Thailand's Sugar Utilization by Domestic Industry

Unit: Metric Ton

Type of Industry	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
BEVERAGES											
Refined Sugar	90806	88708	98768	114100	113545	134105	145616	130704	107447	161009	201535
White Sugar	47547	46774	69982	79558	74962	118520	79513	89223	151661	103376	116388
Sub - Total	137853	135482	168747	193658	188507	252625	225129	219927	259108	264385	317923
CAKE & BREAD											
Refined Sugar	44290	46066	57669	13600	11090	5582	4131	5273	6994	5729	7502
White Sugar	1413	1006	15641	8054	9365	7599	2517	3890	5655	8489	8897
Sub - Total	45703	47072	73310	21654	20455	13181	6648	9163	12649	14218	16399
ALCOHOL BASE DRINK											
Refined Sugar	1917	2975	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil
White Sugar	13	1467	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil
Sub - Total	1930	4442	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FRUIT & FOOD PRODUCTS											
Refined Sugar	23999	26634	36110	66547	82092	57831	56646	54368	63910	41759	71324
White Sugar	15937	20336	32040	145579	164462	135553	84914	103057	106210	87453	118672
Sub - Total	39936	46970	68150	212126	246554	193384	141560	157425	170120	129302	189996
DAIRY PRODUCTS											
Refined Sugar	31462	32239	35069	34310	31330	15874	16218	16790	11094	10638	18131
White Sugar	42419	47686	63134	115761	109301	149528	112715	115520	115917	120015	126350
Sub - Total	73881	79925	98203	150071	140631	165402	128933	132310	127011	130653	144481
CONFECTIONARY PRODUCTS											
Refined Sugar	1001	1829	3882	4047	5593	3982	3395	4604	4889	3973	4599
White Sugar	2818	5501	4731	18567	16071	16526	15294	17255	14694	20751	29929
Sub - Total	3819	7330	8613	22614	21664	20508	18689	21859	19583	24724	34528
PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS & MISCELLANEOUS											
Refined Sugar	35542	53295	77580	102944	84907	38452	30097	22254	21975	16954	26603
White Sugar	1417	1044	2016	3962	3624	11933	7201	2914	5290	5889	5322
Sub - Total	36959	54339	79596	106906	88531	50385	37298	25168	27265	22843	31925

Source: Production and Distribution Administration Center, Office of Cane and Sugar Board

Table 5: Thailand's Average Prices of Domestic Plantation White Sugar and Sugarcane

Calendar Year	Plantation White Sugar		Sugarcane	
	Wholesale (Baht/100 kg.)	Retail (Baht/kg.)	Initial (Baht/metric ton)	Actual
1980	1,011	11.65	Nil	650
1981	1,019	11.51	Nil	510
1982	1,075	11.94	350	381
1983	1,091	12.00	421	421
1984	1,162	12.00	395	380
1985	1,097	12.00	330	388
1986	1,099	12.00	375	408
1987	1,097	12.00	405	462
1988	1,098	12.00	450	527
1989	1,098	12.00	460	596
1990	1,099	12.00	460	442
1991	1,099	12.00	399	480
1992	1,099	12.00	420	516
1993	1,099	12.00	490	533
1994	1,099	12.00	520	569
1995	1,099	12.00	500	538
1996	1,099	12.00	500	561
1997	1,099	12.00	600	703
1998	1,100	12.50	500	485
1999	1,100	12.50	450	478
2000	1,177	12.50	600	693
2001	1,177	13.25	530	520
2002	1,177	13.25	500	531
2003	1,177	13.25	465	504
2004	1,177	13.25	620	658
2005	1,177	13.25	800	NA
2006	1,498	16.50	NA	NA

Note:

- * The revenue sharing system of 70:30 to cane planters and millers started in 1982/83 when the initial cane price began to be quoted.
- * The purchasing cane based on C.C.S. system starts in 1993/94 crushing season with the standard quality of cane at 10 C.C.S.
- * Average final cane price has been split into different assessments for different regions since 1996/97.
- * The retail price of plantation white sugar raised to 13.25 baht/kg in Jun. 2, 2000.
- * Wholesale prices and retail prices of plantation white sugar raised to 1,498 baht/kg and 16.50 baht/kg, respectively, in Mar. 7, 2006.

Source: Office of the Cane and Sugar Board, Ministry of Industry

Table 6: Thailand's Average Final Price of Sugarcane by Zone

Zone	Number of Sugar Mills	Sugarcane Prices (Baht/Ton) at 10 C.C.								
		1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05
North 1	4	572.12	728.98	495.15	464.63	678.10	531.19	539.14	513.68	672.78
North 2	3	535.57	693.97	449.2	464.63	678.10	501.89	518.30	483.34	647.77
North 3	1	526.47	654.96	459.43	464.63	678.10	501.89	518.30	483.34	647.77
North 4	1	541.77	698.18	483.43	464.63	678.10	529.99	531.76	488.13	655.83
North 5	1	526.25	692.21	454.78	464.63	678.10	529.99	531.76	488.13	655.83
Central 1	1	514.65	650.69	478.49	464.63	678.10	529.99	531.76	488.13	655.83
Central 2	1	551.82	700.16	499.91	464.63	678.10	529.99	531.76	488.13	655.83
Central 3	2	564.93	675.04	464.7	464.63	706.85	514.64	532.63	509.52	646.16
Central 4	14	567.05	701.69	493.44	483.86	633.00	530.46	507.25	484.13	635.37
Central 5	1	538.81	640.02	478.44	486.23	680.00	548.43	547.17	524.54	666.59
East	5	556.66	683.82	488.28	490.80	697.38	541.30	544.82	510.55	655.31
Northeast	12	575.29	715.26	488.37	482.28	685.04	537.71	529.16	511.95	668.17

Note: Average Final Prices of Sugarcane by Zone was firstly applied in 1996/97.

Cane price is divided into five zones in 1999/00 crushing season.

Cane price is divided into five zones in 1999/00 crushing season. North 1-5 share the same price in zone 1 of 10 mills plus 4 mills in Central 1-3; Central 4 cover 14 mills in zone 2; Central 5 cover only one mill in zone 3 while there has been no changes in the East (zone 4) and Northeast (zone 5).

Average prices of cane are re-arranged again in 2000/01 for 6 zones:

Zone 1 covers 14 mills;

Zone 2 covers 13 mills;

Zone 3 covers 1 mill which is Suphanburi sugar mill in central plain;

Zone 4 covers 1 mills in central plain;

Zone 5 covers 5 mills in the East;

Zone 6 covers 12 mills in the Northeast.

SOURCE: Office of The Cane and Sugar Board, Ministry of Industry

Table 7: Thailand's Monthly Export Price (FOB) for Raw Sugar (Baht/Ton)

Month	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
January	7059	6652	6700	13936	6931	4917	9934	6820	6340	5588	6763
February	7363	6796	6679	11263	6923	4973	9713	6910	7014	5342	7984
March	7127	6595	6580	10826	6828	4569	9102	6269	7101	5598	8318
April	7235	6487	6634	10372	6128	4763	9321	6408	7045	5590	8291
May	7289	6510	6598	10306	5506	5293	9546	6194	6948	6092	8848
June	7746	7019	6711	10459	5173	5912	9428	6323	7350	6665	8558
July	7697	7055	8081	11400	5288	5061	9542	6442	6464	6426	8699
August	7661	7574	8388	10514	6146	7458	10044	6504	6653	6667	8768
September	7839	7537	9254	9013	5242	7535	9617	6782	6789	7151	8832
October	7738	7954	9780	7728	5636	8391	9228	6702	6427	6633	8889
November	7431	7384	9676	7839	5558	9602	7514	6330	6444	7127	8746
December	7221	6347	12197	10109	4873	8041	7518	5808	6292	6302	8385
Average	7439	6686	7195	10361	5842	5863	9368	6415	6891	6249	8561
Avg. Exchange rates (Baht/U.S.\$)	24.89	25.32	31.32	41.31	37.79	40.11	44.43	42.96	41.48	40.22	40.22

Source: Office of the Cane and Sugar Board, Ministry of Industry

Table 8: Thailand's Monthly Export prices (FOB) for Plantation White Sugar (Baht/Ton)

Month	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
January	7528	7842	7599	15342	8698	6453	10245	8851	8582	7189	9549
February	7674	7730	7916	13781	7038	6161	10227	8578	8129	6965	9923
March	8100	7576	8017	12618	8731	6056	9927	8142	8362	7488	10063
April	8443	7902	7986	11700	8084	6321	9791	8324	8530	7506	10251
May	8065	7835	8333	11660	7701	6868	9972	7971	8554	7566	10357
June	8583	8270	7997	11731	7135	6698	10309	7714	8318	8108	10443
July	8619	7994	8703	11153	6894	7220	10794	8182	7977	7716	10929
August	8673	7959	10303	11482	7497	7421	11033	7742	7914	8341	11186
September	8490	8385	10431	11217	6928	7904	10897	8393	7778	8762	10806
October	8304	8980	11193	10498	7673	8943	10091	8751	7068	9996	11475
November	8301	8799	12248	7358	7300	9617	10359	9046	7592	9319	11399
December	9308	8601	14905	9071	7497	9706	10658	8830	7696	9569	11236
Average	8335	7882	8777	12527	7632	7283	10260	8262	8115	7983	10378
Avg. Exchange rates (Baht/U.S.\$)	24.89	25.32	31.32	41.31	37.79	40.11	44.43	42.96	41.48	40.22	40.22

Source: Office of the Cane and Sugar Board, Ministry of Industry

Table 9: Thailand's Annual Raw Sugar Exports (MTRV)

Destination	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
China	1236453	500526	233932	85609	33858	90801	346979	168982	180567	252455	175529
Congo	-	-	-	-	-	10260	-	-	-	-	-
Indonesia	-	54378	160005	25804	341700	447543	402189	387971	373106	463426	423816
Iran	-	28728	-	-	-	-	-	30780	-	-	-
Japan	530636	737457	703729	697216	529302	746735	690220	383685	565822	751129	602690
North Korea	-	-	-	-	3386	14056	-	6378	62877	41	2560
South Korea	378943	623209	710402	163560	205301	318056	235919	110044	175976	144877	87423
Malaysia	291891	367924	382698	84251	127470	233107	247957	240636	242141	245564	64820
Mozambique	13338	2052	23598	15185	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Philippines	113917	223843	11286	134714	117547	21546	-	3078	-	286	-
Romania	-	25650	-	-	12312	-	-	-	41040	-	-
Russia	42169	44118	85158	77976	469087	291589	73955	484253	696757	66279	46170
Singapore	8208	83106	43092	7182	17750	8161	26081	52644	2786	429	-
Sri Lanka	73564	57559	47093	12312	78007	73462	52839	64384	52711	55149	9593
Tanzania	20520	35223	2052	18981	-	29959	47145	33006	10012	10841	208
Taiwan	-	-	-	-	-	49248	71795	102794	201234	313528	75544
Ukraine	39769	14364	28728	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	16539	32740	28284	21082	15111	14615	11597	14614	14615	14615	14615
UAE	-	72254	34474	6156	-	-	-	45785	-	-	-
Vietnam	44118	15390	31550	-	14334	-	16416	-	-	-	70179
Others	43495	41389	38569	73027	9537	5870	15942	20075	72779	23333	18172
Total	2853560	2959910	2564650	1423055	1974702	2355008	2239034	2149108	2692423	2341952	1591319

Source: Office of the Cane and Sugar Board, Ministry of Industry

Table 10: Thailand's Annual White and Refined Sugar Exports (MTRV)

Destination	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Bangladesh	-	-	25358	-	41555	115759	36484	31717	200676	304502	55001
Brunei	-	3210	-	3210	4280	2140	5374	7490	1831	6233	6202
Burma	1035	5175	-	-	3601	47326	362	80	1031	7023	1800
Cambodia	22276	38411	55430	62873	157702	77029	178405	244344	112394	195545	229749
China	225499	-	2070	3780	-	4850	64751	13954	27640	34013	5280
India	-	-	25470	13973	281555	8280	-	-	348	803	-
Indonesia	332064	632468	1133846	752807	493278	834949	399476	616165	903304	864095	750834
Iran	112350	329560	118580	-	74921	6624	-	63368	14445	-	-
Jordan	-	44380	-	-	23214	-	4280	55961	46042	65698	257
North Korea	8073	20364	-	28134	52892	65114	35713	46073	81045	84073	89581
South Korea	2277	-	-	-	65	3815	20234	26300	73497	83280	81253
Kenya	-	22819	15525	2381	-	2795	-	1074	4693	598	-
Laos	12295	11412	16849	14973	20445	17334	39310	27899	23947	27887	41657
Malaysia	-	-	-	3105	11980	48738	87055	129248	206155	331552	78727
Maldives	-	3105	-	-	-	2070	-	-	-	-	264
Pakistan	-	29725	92616	-	-	148355	-	-	-	-	15774
Philippines	77401	126151	-	21444	5843	42350	6596	31168	45878	51193	18427
Russia	2675	2140	-	-	-	-	-	6793	17129	10664	874
Saudi Arabia	42881	34890	-	-	-	-	-	4280	5350	-	-
Singapore	4863	8455	15502	6111	33768	16945	37492	105910	75356	116864	41111
Somalia	3726	4280	-	-	2070	59597	69138	75555	61692	21568	-
Sri Lanka	20314	34007	32245	6210	24737	115304	5175	40081	22455	24430	6210
Syria	-	27820	-	-	-	-	-	119379	234129	-	-
Tanzania	-	10455	29187	26703	6210	6893	5175	23039	25351	10352	1190
UAE	22656	59449	25680	-	4165	-	-	3210	5280	15095	129
Vietnam	68116	2087	19053	8280	-	471	49740	-	-	4347	2390
Yemen	8570	89658	-	-	60379	217073	16560	52890	167254	26910	-
Others	6229	28005	34985	9212	56309	8585	10405	283349	330120	206120	71627
Total	973300	1568026	1642396	963196	1358969	1852396	1071725	2009327	2687042	2492845	1498337

Source: Office of the Cane and Sugar Board, Ministry of Industry

Table 11: Thailand's Average Quality of Cane Measured by C.C.S.

Year	North	Central	East	Northeast	Average
1977/78	9.99	9.65	10.09	11.6	9.85
1978/79	10.2	10.47	10.23	11.22	10.38
1979/80	10.3	9.43	10.82	10.63	9.74
1980/81	9.58	9.49	9.72	10.91	9.63
1981/82	9.85	9.94	9.97	10.58	9.97
1982/83	10.01	10.31	10.01	11.33	10.32
1983/84	9.95	10.45	10.12	11.88	10.47
1984/85	10.57	10.26	10.77	11.87	10.59
1985/86	10.27	10.8	10.59	11.79	10.82
1986/87	10.65	10.53	10.49	11.6	10.66
1987/88	9.97	9.67	9.58	11.43	9.98
1988/89	10.66	10.63	10.67	11.67	10.8
1989/90	10.46	10.18	10.44	11.23	10.46
1990/91	10.8	9.79	9.92	10.95	10.18
1991/92	11.22	10.54	10.65	11.63	10.91
1992/93 1/	11.66	11.05	11.9	12.58	11.6
1992/93	11.74	11.1	11.79	12.4	11.58
1993/94	11.35	10.98	11.09	11.95	11.3
1994/95	11.87	11.45	11.45	12.15	11.76
1995/96	11.37	11.61	11.69	12.47	11.84
1996/97	11.36	11.54	11.39	12.52	11.79
1997/98	10.98	10.2	10.73	11.89	11.11
1998/99	11.32	10.97	11.15	12.56	11.66
1999/00	11.41	11.07	11.29	12.16	11.7
2000/01	11.61	11.26	11.25	12.01	11.62
2001/02	11.61	11.33	11.32	11.15	11.78
2002/03	11.09	10.53	10.56	11.79	11.17
2003/04	12.21	11.64	11.31	12.59	12.11
2004/05	12.39	11.52	11.37	12.76	12.2

1/ The first year that the Office of the Cane & Sugar Board did the research and reported C.C.S. of cane (previously done by the sugar mills).

Source: Office of The Cane and Sugar Board, Ministry of Industry.

Table 12: Thailand's Business Tax Rates for Cane and Sugar

Unit: Percent

Year	Sugarcane	Business tax applied for Exp & Local Trd	Export of Raw and White Sugar	Local Trade of White Sugar
			(Actual Collected Taxes)	
1976/77	---	7.7	1.65	7.7
1977/78	---	7.7	1.65	7.7
1978/79	---	7.7	---	7.7
1979/80	0.75	7.7	---	7.7
1980/81	0.75	7.7	3.3	7.7
1981/82	0.75	7.7	1.65	7.7
1982/83	0.75	7.7	1.65	7.7
1983/84	0.75	9.9	1.65	3.3
1984/85	0.75	9.9	1.65	3.3
1985/86	---	9.9	---	---
1986/87	---	9.9	---	---
1987/88	0.75	9.9	---	1.65
1988/89	0.75	9.9	---	1.65
1989/90	0.75	9.9	---	1.65
1990/91	0.75	9.9	4.4	9.9
1991/92	0.75	7.0 1/	---	7.0 1/
1992/93	0.75	0.0 1/	---	7.0 1/
1993/94	0.75	0.0 1/	---	7.0 1/
1994/95	0.75	0.0 1/	---	7.0 1/
1995/96	0.75	0.0 1/	---	7.0 1/
1996/97	0.75	0.0 1/	---	7.0 1/
1997/98	0.75	0.0 1/	---	10.0 2/
1998/99	0.75	0.0 1/	---	7.0 3/
1999/00	0.75	0.0 1/	---	7.0 3/
2000/01	0.75	0.0 1/	---	7.0 3/
2001/02	0.75	0.0 1/	---	7.0 3/
2002/03	0.75	0.0 1/	---	7.0 3/
2003/04	0.75	0.0 1/	---	7.0 3/
2004/05	0.75	0.0 1/	---	7.0 3/

1/ The value added tax of 7 percent became effective on January 1, 1992 and applied only to domestic sales, it does not apply to exports.

2/ The government revised the value added tax from 7 to 10 percent on August 10, 1997.

3/ The value added tax has brought back to 7 percent since Apr 1, 1999.

Source: Office of the Cane and Sugar Board, Ministry of Industry.

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